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5.	Five days before his induction a man was entitled to leave his employment and to receive a two-week pay in advance. Up to spring 1951 the only exception was the Bolshevik Fishing Kolkhoz, which did not give a two-week pay in advance, but instead sent each of their employees 200 rubles from a special fund after their induction into the Soviet Armed Forces. This procedure was eventually stopped by the War Ministry because of drunkenness among the recipients and also because of the principle that all soldiers must be treated alike.	
1 6.	About one or two weeks before induction received a notifi-	25X1
•	cation giving the date the was to reporte to the Ware Commissariation on Padomju Prospekts. Such notifications were never sent by mail, but were delivered by hand to the person concerned.	20/(1
7.	After reporting to the War Commissariat, recruits were placed for a day in various barracks in Lepaya. The recruits were usually restricted to the barracks because most of them were very drunkunk (sic).	
8.	From these barracks recruits were sent by train at 2230 hours to Riga, where they were grouped and assigned to various units all over the USSR. Those who were assigned to the 201st Latwian. Guards Division were taken by streetcar to either the Krusta or the Pernavas Barracks, where this division was stationed.	
9.	Upon arriving at the barracks (Krusta and Pernavas) the recruits waited until some officers came to register them. After that theyrecruits ate a midday meal of food brought by themselves. Every recruit had been required to bring a two-week supply of food, toilet articles, two pairs of underwear, socks, gloves, towels, and a rucksack.	
10.	After the meal the recruits deposited their belongings and were taken to the bathhouse, where they were disinfected and were issued uniforms.	
11.	After the recruits returned to the unit, they were shown their personal property, which had been put into a storeroom. They were permitted to take their toilet articles and foodstuffs. Recruits were required to consume or dispose of their personal foodstuffs within four days; thereafter personal foodstuffs would no longer be permitted. It was said that later the recruits would be allowed access to their personal property once a week.	
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	Comment. It is presumed in this report that the term War Commissariat refers to the local Voyenkomat (draft board).	

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